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ON THE BALL



Jim Sambrook and Red Edmunds chase the elusive, slippery ball in the Canterbury goal area last Saturday. Hakoah and the Berries played a scoreless draw at Arlington Oval.

CUMBERLAND TO FIGHT DEMOTION

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Cumberland intend to put up a desperate fight — both on and off the field against relegation.

Club president Ken Ferguson told SOCCER WORLD this week he had not given up hope of overtaking Melita Eagles, the other candidate for relegation, in the last three rounds.

"Despite our very tough draw — APIA, Yugal and St. George-Budapest — all is not lost," he said.

"Our players will throw everything into these three games.

"We held APIA to a 2-2 draw earlier in the season, have always had good results in the past against Yugal, and last year you'll recall how we saved our necks in the last round, when by a strange coincidence St. George was also our last opponent.

"These omens lead me to believe Cumberland may yet escape the hangman's noose, and perhaps force a play-off with Melita Eagles," Ferguson added.

But even if Cumberland do finish last, this may not mean automatic relegation, if Ferguson has his way.

He intends to submit Cumberland's application for First Division status to the NSW Federation's Screening Committee.

"This committee was formed to investigate whether clubs are suitably equipped to take place in the First Division competition," he said.

"This, obviously, was never looked into properly as only a handful of clubs are solvent and have their own grounds.

"Cumberland, on the other hand, have the backing of the Auburn Sports Club, are sound financially, and have a long lease of Mona Park," he continued.

"I feel that we are entitled to a favorable hearing by the Screening Committee, and that room should be found to keep us in First Division because even if Manly and Granville, the contenders for promotion this season, do have their own grounds, most of the First Division clubs haven't."

Ferguson is aware that Cumberland's move may cause bitterness and set a precedent, but said he felt justified in putting the Screening Committee to the test.

"At last we'll see whether this committee serves any useful purpose, or is just another of these meaningless bodies set up by the administration," he said.

Our criticism of the set-up gets endorsement

Last week we pulled no punches — and we are glad we didn't. People from just about all segments of the soccer community told us personally, in letters or over the 'phone that our outbursts were justified.

Not surprisingly, we have not heard from those that we criticised; neither the ASF nor the NSW management committee made any comments.

As it so often happens, probably not one of our administrators felt that the criticism was levelled against him — it must have been the other fellow...

Many of the comments that we have gathered together below were unsolicited; the others we contacted for their views.

Nobody has so far told us that we were off target or that we exaggerated; not one

person has come forward to refute our criticism.

Here are some comments: **JIM BAYUTTI**, former vice-president of the ASF and NSW Federations:

"There was a great deal of truth in what SOCCER WORLD wrote even if I thought that it was too hard-hitting, too sudden.

"But I do agree that soccer needs a vast re-organisation at most levels and I have been advocating this myself for some time.

"The trouble is that many officials wouldn't dream of vacating their post in order to streamline our administration."

KEVIN D'ARCY, Liaison Officer of the NSW Federation:

"I must congratulate SOCCER WORLD on last week's splendid issue.

"I felt that not only was your criticism warranted but it was also most constructive."

KAREL RODNY, vice-president of Hakoah and founder-member of the Federation:

"I was pleasantly surprised that SOCCER WORLD finally dropped the kid's gloves and said openly what everybody is thinking of anyway.

"You hit the administration fairly and squarely and just as hard as they deserved.

"I can only hope that those concerned will take notice and there will be an awakening in soccer soon."

MARTIN ROYAL, well-known ABC commentator:

"Having watched soccer in Australia for some 16 years,

I don't think I have ever been more disappointed with the overall standards as at present.

"In the past I had been able to see some progress but in the last two or three years soccer has been going slowly but inexorably downhill.

"I don't know where the future of soccer lies but feel that any real improvement must come from the junior sphere.

"God knows, we do need an improvement..."

Prague secretary **GEORGE WARNER**:

"You did soccer a great service by bringing our problems out in the open.

"But, as you also pointed out, how do we get out of the mess which has accumulated over all these years?

"Although our declining standards must have driven thousands of spectators away, I feel that the shocking amenities available now is the main reason for our big drop-off in attendances.

"People in this day and age just can't be bothered watching sport in semi-civilised conditions.

"Promotion is the keyword to soccer's progress."

Dr. ROSSLEIGH, president of Polonia-North Side:

"I fully agree with all SOCCER WORLD said and I really wonder whether soccer has any future.

"It certainly has none under its present set-up.

"Too many petty jealousies and intrigues are ruining our game.

"I, for one, have lost my enthusiasm and next season

will revert to being a simple spectator.

"I'm getting out of the game, as many other officials have over the last few years."

Cumberland president **KEN FERGUSON**:

"Your story on page one was excellent and pinpointed all the many problems ailing our soccer today.

"I doubt, however, if club control can work as long as all clubs don't pull together but keep sniping at one another on the most trivial matters."

Yugal secretary **MARON KOVACEVIC**:

"I couldn't agree more with all you wrote.

"I've been saying it for years, but no one paid the slightest attention.

"Build licensed clubs, bring out top players and forget about the myth of district soccer, and you'll get the crowds back.

"Administration of the code should be thrown back to the clubs who are in closer contact with the public at large."

LES BORDACS, president of St. George-Budapest:

"I was extremely pleased that SOCCER WORLD finally pointed out the numerous anomalies that exist in our soccer today.

"Whether the Management Committee in its present form is retained or not, I would certainly advocate the re-designing of the secretary's sphere of operation, giving that officer much wider powers.

"In fact, it may be ideal to enlarge the secretariat and run NSW soccer from that central office."

Back to Showground

The first final play-off on Sunday, September 3, will be played at the Sydney Showground, and not at the Sportsground as originally scheduled.

The Sportsground Trust has once again denied soccer the use of the ground, handing the venue over to Rugby League.

The League will stage a trial for the selection of the Australian team which will tour England and France in October.

Although the Sportsground had been booked by the NSW Federation for four consecutive Sundays — September 3, 10, 17 and 24 — before the start of the season as usual, they were only advised three weeks ago that the ground would not be available on September 3.

So much for soccer's "influence"...

Not that the Sportsground Trust's action surprises us.

Soccer has been kicked about for so long by all Trusts and Councils that we have been long insulated against such unfair, prejudiced treatment.

The Wentworth Park Trust last week announced plans to spend \$200,000 in improving the ground further.

The Federation should get right behind the Trustees and offer to put up part of the money as they are the only sympathetic ones to soccer in Sydney.

Wentworth Park, with a few alterations and improvements, could be transformed at minimum cost, into the headquarters of Sydney soccer.

— SYDNEY TEAM GALLERY —



Hakoah's line-up at Arlington Oval last Saturday. Standing, from left to right: Edmunds, Fekete, Baartz, McKnight, Holden, Duffy and coach Jelisavcic. Second row: Walsh, Marnoch, Yaeger. At the front: Stewart, Wilson and Hillsdon.

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SECTION 9

These are my forecasts for the following Australian First Division matches, to be played on the weekend of August 12/13. (Put 1 for a "home" win, x for a draw, 2 for an "away" win. Don't put actual scores.)

NSW	St. George v. Prague
	Pan Hellenic v. Canterbury
	Melita Eagles v. SCU
VIC	Makedonia v. Lion
	Croatia v. Hellas
	Melbourne v. Juventus
SA	Polonia v. Lion
	Juventus v. Budapest
QLD	Latrobe v. Coalstar
	Merton v. Oxley

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- All entries must be entered on coupons appearing in SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA only. The coupons must be filled in and cut out, then sent to the address given below.
- There is no limit to the number of entries provided they are all made on separate coupons.
- There is no entry fee.
- All coupons must be filled in legibly, preferably in ink and in printed letters.
- No other writing is permitted on the coupons, thus any with comments, crossings and corrections will be destroyed.
- The two Contests — PLAYERS and READERS — is conducted jointly through on separate coupons. In order to be eligible, you must fill in both coupons.
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- The Editorial Board of SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA jointly act as judges in both Contests. Their decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Prizes and rules

First prize in the PLAYERS CONTEST will be two economy class return air tickets to Singapore by ALITALIA. The player receiving the largest number of votes in each State throughout the period of the Contest will enter the Finals. At the end of the Contest a draw will be made to determine the eventual winner who may not be the player receiving the largest absolute number of votes.

Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one economy class return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date for Section 9: 3 p.m., Saturday, August 12.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The CZECHOSLOVAKIAN national team is reportedly keen to play a series of matches in Australia next February-March, at a bargain rate of \$2000 a match. This was revealed in Prague to John Domabyl, president of Prague FC on his recent visit there. However, the Czechoslovakians can only come if they are not engaged in the quarterfinals of the European Championship. Their main rivals in their group are Spain and Ireland.

EDUARDO MASSEY still hasn't recovered from the injury he sustained against Hakoah. He spent a week in bed and is now hobbling on crutches. He may not play again this season.

"JERRY" DREWNIAK, Polonia-NS' goalkeeper resumed training three weeks ago, but may not be allowed to play again this year. Drewniak underwent a serious emergency abdominal operation some 10 weeks ago.

TREVOR EDWARDS, Hakoah's Welsh and Australian international fullback, is receiving massive treatment in a bid to heal the torn ligaments sustained against Croatia three weeks ago. Edwards won't play this week, but he will have recovered fully in time for the final play-offs.

Yugal are hopeful that their two new players from Yugoslavia, Zlatonir LJUJIC, a goalkeeper, and forward Jovo GRUJICA, will play in the first team against Croatia this weekend. Ljubic arrived last Saturday and Grujica on Wednesday. Both played for Radnicki Belgrade where they were first team regulars. They are the first of many new players from Yugoslavia expected to greatly strengthen Yugal in 1968.

APIA and the APIA social club are making big preparations for the visit of president SARAGAT of Italy, starting on September 25.

BILL MURPHY, the former Australian international forward and Gladesville and Hakoah player, will return to Britain with his wife next month. The Scottish-born Murphy, who has been in Australia for 18 years, will settle in Exeter where his wife's sister lives.

BRUNO HAJDUK, the former Polonia forward, is playing for his former Polish club, Polonia Warsaw, in the Third Division. Hajduk has married since his return to Poland and has a job in a precision instruments factory. With his Australian earnings he has bought himself a home unit in Warsaw.

APIA have high hopes to arrange a 10-day tour of Japan in late November-December. The Japanese Association is now trying to find opponents for APIA. If the tour takes place, APIA will seek ASF permission to go with a full team — regardless of the tour of Asia by an Australian team.

A MIXED COMMITTEE, comprising members of the St. George Junior Association, the Board of Directors and the management committee of the First Division club has been formed. Called "The St. George District Soccer Development Committee", they will mainly deal with the problem of finding a permanent ground for soccer in the area and with coaching of juniors. The aim is to equip every junior team with a coach and manager and enable them to acquire the know-how of the modern game.

Prague's English fullback, MILES MOULSON, formerly of Corinthians, is away on a

three-week business trip to New Guinea. Moulson is on a filming assignment in the Territory as a cameraman.

JOHN NUEL, the South Coast goalkeeper, was accidentally kicked in the head in the first half of last Sunday's game against St. George-Budapest. He suffered severe concussion and was replaced at halftime by young McQuire. Nuell was so shaken he could not remember anything that happened while he was on the field.

The wife of DEREK VICARS, the Hornsby-North End utility player, gave birth to a baby girl last week.

The NSW Amateur SFA is going ahead with negotiations for an amateur under-16 State side to TOUR NEW ZEALAND in early 1968. The aim is to make the selected team fully representative of NSW, by giving every opportunity for country as well as city players.

Prague are expecting a full Czechoslovakian international midfielder player to join them soon. He is 31-year-old MOLNAR from Inter Bratislava. Prague president, John Domabyl, on his recent visit to Czechoslovakia was assured that the player's clearance would soon be in order. Molnar comes highly recommended by Prague coach Venglos.

A happy event for Manly's ARCHIE HARRIS when his wife gave birth to a baby son last week.

BANKSTOWN SOCCER CLUB has merged with the Bankstown District Junior Soccer Football Association, which is supported by the licensed Social Club.

TIKO JELISAVCIC has extended his business interests by acquiring two Mobile service petrol stations at Haberfield and Drummoine.

JAN BOUT, Polonia's recently-signed goalkeeper is considering appealing to the Federal Government against the NSW Federation's quota ruling. Bout, a naturalized Australian, is highly indignant that naturalized players do not qualify as Australians in the ruling. Many other players in the same predicament, including some of the national team stars, feel equally strongly about this illogical clause in the quota law.

The PUNCHBOWL DISTRICT soccer club's \$800 Raynors Tournament continues this weekend. The final will be played on September 3 at Punchbowl Oval. Over a thousand nine and ten-year old boys from 93 teams will be competing for the magnificent trophy. The Raynors Trophy was previously the "Roselands Trophy", a top trophy for championship golf.

MAX TOLSON, the brilliant young South Coast star, will not play again this year. Tolson enters hospital today, Friday, for a cartilage operation. The South Coast midfielder player surprised everybody by taking the field

against St. George-Budapest last Sunday despite his torn cartilage.

One-time glamor player of Corinthians, RAY BARMAN, has taken over as coach of Hornsby-NE's reserve grade team, which is fighting for fourth position, or higher, in Second Division Grade II.

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST have started a series of lectures and demonstrations for junior coaches in the area. Last week's, arranged by John Warren, had Joe Marston as guest speaker and was attended by 125 junior coaches. The next guest this week will be leading referee Tony Boskovic.

Cumberland's second grade centre forward, KEITH EDWARDS, enjoyed a real day out against Polonia on Saturday, scoring five goals in his team's 8-3 win. A former third-grader with Prague, he is now leading goal scorer for the club, with 14 goals.

BILL RORKE, the APIA international keeper may be fit to resume in about four weeks.

Dawn of a new era? Last Saturday HAKOAH reversed a trend by replacing an import player (Duffy) with a quota player (McKnight) at halftime. Duffy was not injured but dropped after a very poor display.

ROVERS Junior Soccer Club of Loftus has set its sights on a second successive win in the Robertson Trophy, coveted prize of the State's top under-21 competition. Rovers last year beat Western Suburbs 2-1 in the final. This season Rovers, minor premiers of the Sutherland Shire All-Age Division, will meet Berkeley, winners of the Country final in the Robertson Cup final.

PRAGUE will soon become a registered company along the lines of St. George-

Budapest. Their aim is to apply for a licensed social club. The company's name will be Sydney Football Club Prague Limited. "This is our last hope", admitted secretary George Warner. "If it doesn't eventuate, we cannot carry on any longer".

Last Saturday the ABC televised the first soccer match of 1967 "live". Assisting Martin Royal with the commentary at the Canterbury-Hakoah game was SOCCER WORLD editor Paul Dean.

Two deferred amateur games from last weekend will be played this week. Marrickville will meet North Sydney and Liverpool Inter will play Yagoona (at Jardine Park) this Saturday. On Sunday Yagoona will meet Belmore.

CANBERRA ROUND-UP

Juventus, the holders, and Croatia played a 1-1 draw in the final of the Federation Cup last Sunday.

Juventus are finding it hard to retain their trophy as in the semifinals they were twice held to a draw before disposing of Concordia.

In the First Division premiership semifinal, Concordia and Cooma played a 2-2 draw while RAAF trounced RMC 5-0 in their replay of a Second Division semifinal.

— John Holland.

FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

Yugal v. Croatia — H. Parsons; Pan Hellenic v. Canterbury — A. Boskovic; Melita Eagles v. SCU — G. Naylor; St. George v. Prague — L. Rae; APIA v. Cumberland — J. Scarborough; Polonia v. Hakoah — K. Lockrey.

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MacNab was our greatest player of all-time

Selecting the all-time greats from different eras in any sport has always been an unprofitable pastime, but there has been general agreement that Jim MacNab was the greatest soccer player ever produced in Australia and I do not hesitate to support those who claim his supremacy.

The legendary goalkeeper from Weston on the northern coalfields had his greatest day when we played the visiting English amateur side in Sydney in 1937.

We won the first test 4-3, mainly because MacNab managed to stop a penalty in the second half.

The kick was taken by Bernard Joy, the famous Arsenal centre-half who played as an amateur throughout his distinguished career.

When MacNab saved, Joy stood dumbfounded for a few seconds before moving up to shake the goalkeeper's hand.

Joy later told me that MacNab would have strengthened any team in the world, not excluding the best in Britain, the Continent and South America.

We defeated England in that series, and although their side was well below top English professional class, several of the visitors were to make their names in British soccer on their return.

Migrants

In the years between the wars all Australian representative teams were drawn from New South Wales and Queensland, the only States to conduct regular interstate series.

So, in listing my all-time greats, it is possible that I do injustice to southern States' players who did not get the opportunity to show their class.

In those days the main soccer centres were the coalfields and steelworks of the Newcastle and Wollongong areas.

A study of the names of the champions might explain the reason.

There were MacNab, Morgan, Evans, Masters, Davidson, Price, Wilkinson, Osborne, Bryant, Hughes, Cameron, Whitelaw, Parkes, Cartwright, Thompson, and so on.

Not all of these came from the coalfields, but with names like that you will get the picture of second-generation migrants playing soccer in the areas where their fathers had found work.

Then came the European migrants with their strange-sounding names and their determination to give their children the benefit of top coaches and overseas tours.

Another generation of soccer followers will see the fruits of all this.

I often wonder how the youngsters of my generation would have fared if given such help and encouragement?

In selecting my team of "greats" I will do so with an eye to finding a team that would match the best Australia could put in the field today.

MacNab in goal. The Adamstown goalkeeper, Bill Morgan, was little behind MacNab on his day, and I rate Morgan the equal of Norm Conquest and Ron Lord.

There will always be arguments as to whether Jack "Digger" Evans was a greater defender than his protege, Joe Marston.

Most good judges believed Evans would have more than held his own in First Division English soccer, and of course Marston proved himself by captaining Preston North End in an FA Cup Final.

By GEORGE SMITH

Former Australian centre-forward and captain, as told to Ken MacAuley.

Both men were big, clever, fast, aggressive, and kicked powerfully with either foot.

Under the conventional line-up that applied in my day a soccer team had two full-backs, and I am glad I never had to try to score goals against an Evans-Marston combination with MacNab behind them.

Mention of the old conventional line-up reminds me that soccer has become a different game tactically.

The changes must be for the better, for all the world's best coaches have adopted them.

Yet all the skills of speed, ball control, courage, and "football brain" are still fundamentals, and I am sure my team could adapt themselves to the 4-3-3 system.

I will dispose of the last line of defence problem by naming Evans right-back and Jack Whitelaw left-back.

This would allow Joe Marston to go in at centre-half, where he made his name overseas.

Ray "Tugger" Bryant was as good a right-half as I saw in those days, but he was not near the footballer he would have been had somebody paid his fare to England when he was fourteen.

With adequate coaching in his formative years he could have gone anywhere with his great natural ability.

In naming Joe Marston at centre-half I am not forgetting Billy Coolahan, who was one of the really great footballers of his era.

Free lunch

Another centre-half who must rate mention is Matt McGillivray, who remained a formidable opponent throughout his own era and that of another generation as well.

It was players like Matt who kept the game going while club coffers were empty and club secretaries worried about ground rent.

The club managements of those days lost no sleep in wondering where they would find the money to pay their players.

When we had to travel from the South Coast to, say, WallSEND or Adamstown, we were given out train tickets and sometimes we got a free lunch.

My left-half position would go automatically to Jim Osborne, another player who won high praise from overseas experts.

As well as being a dour defender and a dashing player in attack, Jim had a deadly left boot.

He never missed from the penalty spot.

Roy Crowhurst, the champion right-winger of Metters, was an automatic selection for all representative teams.

When he centred he always seemed to find the man he was seeking, and his corner kicks were something to see.

I played in many representative teams with Crowhurst, but I would love to have played with him in club games.

I used to think I could have scored every time Roy took a

corner, so perfect were his placements.

J. "Skeeter" Wilkinson of Weston would be my inside-right.

"Skeeter" played in many positions in the forward line, and was particularly dangerous if the ball went loose in the scoring zone.

The doyen of inside lefts was undoubtedly "Bully" Hughes, another Metters player.

Wingers scarce

I would like to bracket Gladesville's Billy Price with Hughes, but Price was a Welshman, and to include overseas players in my list would introduce formidable complications.

Jack Hughes was a natural left-footer, and there was plenty of power in his right foot as well.

But when he connected with that left foot there were few goalkeepers who could get a sight of the ball as it went past them.

Australia has never had a surplus of really talented left wingers.

Balgownie's "Tich" Thompson was easily the best I saw, though his playing career was about over when the other stars I have mentioned were coming into the game.

That leaves the position of centre-forward.

When old-time footballers are asked to name their team of "greats" it is expected of them that they leave their own names out to comply with the dictates of modesty.

If I named myself as centre-forward I would do so for the reason that I could not have helped going well when surrounded by the players I have named.

But to bow to modesty, I will omit myself and consider men like Reg Date, Artie Quill and Frank Parsons for centre-forward.

Artie Quill scored a lot of goals for Goodyear, but I usually managed to get the selector's pat over him when the rep. teams were being chosen.

I doubt if either of us were as consistently good as either Date or Parsons, both of whom reached their peaks in later years.

Volatile Date

Frank Parsons was a tear-away striker who was also much more than useful when scavenging in the goal area.

On his day there was no better centre-forward, particularly under the conditions which govern the game today.

But I think Reg Date had all the same attributes and was a fraction more consistent.

I remember soon after the war when Canterbury Soccer Club played Canterbury Rugby League Club in a scratch match to raise money for the injured players' funds of both clubs.

The match was played according to soccer rules to half-time, switching to Rugby League after the interval.

It was played in friendly spirit and achieved its purpose, but something else emerged.

Those who were there agreed that Reg Date would have certainly become an international centre three-quarter had he not turned to soccer in his youth.

He was that type of natural athlete who would have made the grade in any football code.

There then is my team:

Jim MacNab (goalkeeper), Jack Evans and Jack Whitelaw (full-backs), Ray Bryant, Joe Marston and Jim Osborne (halves), Roy Crowhurst, "Skeeter" Wilkinson, Reg Date, "Bully" Hughes and "Tich" Thompson (forwards).

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George Smith captained Wollongong High School's undefeated soccer team in 1922. He graduated through the juniors to represent NSW against Queensland in 1926, when he was 18.

He represented against Queensland in 1928 and 1932, and in 1933 captained Australia against New Zealand. Later in 1933 he led an Australian side to New Caledonia, and again to New Zealand in 1936.

He was one of the stars in Australia's victory over the English touring side in 1937.

A sergeant in the NSW Police Force, George Smith is now a keen bowler, and gets away for a weekend's fishing when the chance arises.

TOO GOOD TO BE DONE...

Pan Hellenic's objection, on "psychological grounds" to a match program had only one true merit: it refreshed our failing memory and reminded us that there is an urgent need to regulate the staging of one competition round — the last.

We pointed out in the past that this round should be played on the same day, at the same time — all six matches.

This may be somewhat inconvenient to some clubs — but it can be vital.

That way the Federation could ensure that whatever issues remain to be decided in the last round — semifinal, relegation, premiership — are decided on merit.

We seem to remember that pretty recently the NSW premiership was decided on a slender goal average under rather suspicious circumstances.

The two vital matches were played on a Saturday and Sunday — thus one of the two teams had a tremendous advantage.

If anything needs regulating in our premiership matches, then this is the issue.

But knowing officialdom's way, they won't bother...

It is also imperative that in view of the close battle in the First and Second Divisions, all matches cancelled last weekend be played without delay.

READERS' LETTERS

Convention may solve our problems

If ever SOCCER WORLD justified its existence as a stalwart for progress, it did so with great emphasis in last week's issue. It was a beauty.

Congratulations to both Paul Dean and Lou Gautier and to the paper for printing this on the front page.

I would like to say that I have followed soccer here for more than 40 years and have seen some ups and downs.

In its day of birth, I welcomed the Federation when the breezes of change and progress blew strongly.

Because of my love of the game I have never criticised it, always hoping that on the morrow it could click.

But as your article has inferred that further silence could be interpreted as open condonation of our set-up, I just regard myself as a link (without prejudice) between the old and the new.

Obviously, the first requirement is dedicated men to lead, men who know the world of soccer near and far.

To get down to earth, I would suggest the establishment of a Council of nine, elected by the clubs, nominees to be without direct club association while they serve on this board.

Lukewarm and pseudo-enthusiastic members of the Federation have shown their inability to take progressive steps for the code's advancement.

In this Council I would have three executives with specified duties.

The other six should be key figures with other specialised tasks.

Each would be placed in charge of these sub-divisions, all vital for the game's progress:

1. Representative section to cover relationship with the ASF, other States, Northern Soccer League.
2. Publicity section to deal with national and suburban press, TV, radio programs, publications, historical data, etc.
3. Finance section.
4. Transfers section, to cope with contract of players, transfers, disputes and general registrations.
5. Developments section to help country groups as in Rugby League, weaker clubs, universities, colleges and high schools, primary schools, handle other internal problems such as competitions and cups and liaise with referees.
6. Social section to look after public relations, entertainment etc.

I really make an appeal to get rid of the "closed clique" attitude and open the doors for new brains.

Perhaps a big convention should be called around November to clear the air.

Could "Soccer World" advocate this as we may find in our community some men who could carry the flag of soccer further up the ladder.

"Papyrus"

(Well-known man in soccer who asked to remain anonymous).

Unequalled

May I be one of the first — but not last of many, I trust — to congratulate "Soccer World" for your constructive comments on how to improve soccer in last week's issue of your fine newspaper.

You have again shown that your publication is without equal in this country when soccer is concerned.

I concur with all your remarks, comments and suggestions and sincerely trust your well-chosen words will be heeded by those whose task it is to steer Australian soccer to a prominent position in this country.

May I add that I would like to see our soccer officials call upon the services of your staff as I'm convinced your ideas could help the game along.

The NSW Federation should call upon your editors to join special committees as they obviously have the qualities needed to bring soccer to the top.

Under our present set-up soccer all over Australia is going nowhere fast.

Your comments — all of them constructive — last week have again stamped your paper as the best media at soccer's disposal and I'm surprised and disappointed that you are not allowed to play a bigger part in soccer's misguided management — as you wrote, what a misnomer for a bunch of incompetents, however well meaning!

G. Montgomery, Addison Road, Manly.

Unaccounted

I hope you print this letter because in it lies the reason for the fall in this year's soccer crowds.

The "official" attendance figure announced for the recent APIA v. Hakoah game was 3,341.

Having attended this match I conservatively estimated the crowd as between 5,000 and 6,000 and I am sure that all at the game would agree.

I have evidence to prove my estimate.

When I entered Lambert Park there were no "actual" turnstiles to go through, nor did I receive a ticket when I paid my entrance money.

So how could I have been counted?

Having spoken to some friends since, I find that while some did receive tickets, many, like myself, did not.

Add to this the hundreds of APIA members and all other pass-holders who went through unaccounted and there you have the real attendance figure.

The above was but one example of announcing attendances which were grossly less than the true figure.

Many very obvious underestimates have occurred at other grounds.

If, as you claim, your paper claims to achieve what is best for soccer you will bring the above scandal to light.

T. Fixler, Bellevue Hill.

COMPETITION
TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	14	3	1	52	14	31
St. George	11	4	4	32	24	26
Hakoah	10	4	5	33	16	24
Pan Hellenic	8	4	6	48	28	20
Croatia	7	6	5	29	22	20
Canterbury	8	3	8	35	38	19
Polonia-NS	7	3	9	25	46	17
Prague	5	6	7	28	30	16
SCU	4	6	9	27	35	14
Yugal	5	3	10	26	48	13
Melita Eagles	5	2	11	19	31	12
Cumberland	4	2	13	23	47	10

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	12	2	5	62	32	26
Pan Hellenic	11	2	5	35	25	24
Prague	10	3	4	43	27	23
Croatia	9	4	5	48	28	22
Cumberland	9	4	6	52	34	22
APIA	9	3	6	49	41	21
St. George	8	3	6	49	22	19
Polonia-NS	7	4	7	39	44	18
SCU	4	5	9	24	45	13
Canterbury	2	6	10	27	54	10
Melita Eagles	3	4	11	28	57	10
Yugal	3	1	14	21	67	7

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	16	2	1	61	20	34
Prague	13	2	3	55	16	28
Croatia	12	3	3	56	22	27
St. George	10	2	5	43	22	22
SCU	8	4	6	48	29	20
Hakoah	9	1	9	30	39	19
Polonia-NS	6	4	8	21	26	16
Pan Hellenic	6	3	9	26	26	15
APIA	6	3	9	30	48	15
Canterbury	6	3	10	22	45	15
Yugal	1	2	15	11	74	4
Melita Eagles	1	1	16	16	51	3

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	12	4	2	40	19	28
Granville	11	5	2	51	15	27
Western Subs.	10	3	5	39	26	23
Bankstown	9	5	5	40	28	23
Sutherland	8	4	6	35	27	20
Marconi	7	6	5	24	21	20
Corinthians	9	2	7	31	30	20
Hornsby-NE	5	7	6	33	30	17
N. Bankstown	7	1	10	23	24	15
Balgownie	5	5	9	30	33	15
Lane Cove	2	5	12	14	40	9
Blacktown	1	1	17	16	81	3

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	12	3	3	56	29	27
Granville	13	1	4	58	32	27
Sutherland	13	—	5	64	32	26
Hornsby-NE	12	1	5	52	30	25
Manly	10	4	3	55	24	24
Bankstown	9	2	8	47	40	20
Balgownie	8	3	8	30	34	19
N. Bankstown	7	4	7	43	42	18
Marconi	7	3	8	41	47	17
Corinthians	2	5	11	23	46	9
Lane Cove	2	2	15	27	57	6
Blacktown	—	2	17	11	91	2

LAST WEEK'S
RESULTSFIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grade)

Cumberland v. Polonia	8-3	1-1
Canterbury v. Hakoah	4-3	1-3

SECOND DIVISION
(First and Second Grade)

Lane Cove v. Blacktown	2-0	6-0
Bankstown v. Balgownie	1-2	1-4

LEADING SCORERS

Giacometti (APIA)	14
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	13
Warren (St. George)	13
Baartz (Hakoah)	12
Ninaus (Canterbury)	11
J. Alagich (Yugal)	10
Logan (Pan Hellenic)	10
Hood (Canterbury)	9
Watkins (APIA)	9
Keddie (Cumberland)	8
Krawiarz (Polonia-NS)	8
Blue (APIA)	7
Giles (Croatia)	7
Reynolds (Croatia)	7

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Canterbury

0 (0)

Hakoah

0 (0)

Cumberland

2 (1)

Keddie 17 min., Moffatt 47 min.

Polonia

4 (1)

Krawiarz 4 and 84 mins., Nowacki 78 min., Gonzales 87 min.

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

St. George

0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Demopoulos 3; Whitehead 3, Mucillo 3; Galbraith 4, Sambrook 4, Duggan 4; Hoare 2, Rinos 3, Romanos 3, Ninaus 3, Paxinos 2.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: G. Polgar.

Wilson 3; Stewart 4, Hillsdon 3; Walsh 4, Marnoch 4, Yaager 3; Edmunds 2, Fekete 3, Baartz 4, Duffy 2 (McKnight 3), Holden 2.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: T. Jelisavcic.

Fisher 4; Addison 2, Dell 3; Geppert 3, Thomson 5, Entwistle 3; Keddie 4, Moffatt 5, Smith 3, Christie 2, Keenan 4.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: L. Qusted.

Bout 4; Filok 3, Skiba 3; Adamson 4, Nowacki 4, Komoder 4; Calphy 3 (Muhlbauer 4) Minol 4, Baker 3, Krawiarz 5, Gonzales 3.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: G. Azzopardi.

Nuell 4 (McQuire 4); Carr 4, Ringland 3; Davies 4, Barnes 3 (injured), Salisbury 5; Barnett 5, Harrison 3, Tolson 4, Tristram 4, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 42

Coach: G. Barnett.

Haffey 4; Stegbauer 4, Hillary 3; Schaefer 3, Morgan 5, Zuckerman 4; Price 3, Warren 3, Sandell 4, Cliss 5, Fernandez 3.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: L. Hegyes.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Match rating: * *

Only the dismal weather could have competed on equal terms with the wretchedness of this match. During the entire 90 minutes less than three shots were dispatched towards the goals and at least nine of the 10 forwards didn't even appear too interested in getting the ball into the net. Canterbury were the more aggressive and lively of the two teams, mainly midfield but they had no idea how to break through the legendary Hakoah defence. Hakoah, content to cruise their way towards the semifinals, were disappointing especially if you consider the number of star players in their ranks.

Crowd: 1,500.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

— PAUL DEAN

Match rating: * * * *

Polonia almost certainly wrote finish to Cumberland's hopes of avoiding relegation in a tense, absorbing struggle in which beggars were neither asked for, nor received. The result was in doubt until Nowacki headed Polonia's equaliser with 12 minutes left. The goal seemed to knock all resistance out of Cumberland and Krawiarz and Gonzales, as if to rub salt into the wound, sealed the match with two quick goals. Polonia, always a little more assured than their opponents, fully deserved their win, but the scoreline does not truly reflect play overall.

Crowd: 710.

Referee: A. Sorbie.

— ALAN SPEERS

Match rating: * * * *

All 22 players deserve a medal for putting up with such atrocious conditions on a sea of mud. Even more commendable was the spirit in which the match was played. Every man tried his utmost to cope with the trying conditions and they fully entertained the small crowd that braved the elements, even if the match did at times resemble a Keystone Cops Movie with players slipping all over the water-logged pitch. South Coast adapted themselves better and had more chances to score. Saints only looked dangerous when Cliss was in possession. The former English star, together with Barnett, Tolson, Salisbury, Morgan and Tristram, was one of the few players who really revelled in the heavy going.

Crowd: 605.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LEN SIMMONS

WITH THE CHALMERS SOCCER
IS IN THE BLOOD

By Alan Speers

Assessing the potential of precocious youngsters in soccer — as in most other sports — is, at best, a chancy occupation.

It can be downright rash unless you happen to be gifted with psychic powers, or possess the latest line in crystal-balls.

But, if wiry, brown-haired Ian Chalmers does not, within a few years, develop into a better than average player, I'll turn in my "tipster's licence."

Ian was a member of the Northern-Western Suburbs representative team which played in this year's NSW Junior Championships, playing as goalkeeper.

It was the third successive year he had been chosen to play in that position in representative teams from the district.

Though he is exclusively a goalkeeper for the Lane Cove Under-11 Junior Association team, he plays centre-half for his school team in midweek matches.

Like a lot of boys his age he is not certain which position he should specialise in, but leans towards goalkeeper.

But the talent a-plenty Ian has shown to date is not the reason for my confidence in his future,

though it normally would be reason enough.

The fact is that he was born into possibly one of the most remarkable soccer families in Sydney, perhaps Australia.

A family which has produced fine soccer players with almost monotonous regularity over a period of about 70 years.

The Chalmers family arrived in Australia sometime in the 1890's from Troon, in Scotland. A "bonny" family, too, numbering seven boys and four girls.

It was not long before the boys started to make a name for themselves on the football field; indeed, at one stage six were playing in the same side in one of the early Sydney district first grade teams.

But it was Archie and Andy Chalmers who really captured the imagination of the fans, and Archie was regarded as the best centre-forward in NSW.

Arch played with first grade teams Sirocco, White-stars, Ultimo, Dalley, Rozelle and Western Suburbs.

He guided Dalley and Ultimo to victory in the

NSW FA competition in 1901 and 1902 respectively.

Sydney, even then, had its soccer personalities with such players as Bob and Hughie Byers who, when they were not carving up opposing teams, ran a wholesale and retail butcher's business in Rozelle.

In 1904, after being selected to tour New Zealand with NSW, Arch was injured in a city tram accident.

He was away from the football field for about 12 months, but resumed playing and continued until 1909 when he married.

His retirement in no way severed the family's connection with the game, however, as his three sons, Bill, Hugh and Arch jr., all inherited his ability and played top grade soccer.

Bill Chalmers, nowadays Secretary of the Greenacre soccer club, as well as acting as coach to the club's Under-13 team, played with Lilyfield Waratah, Balmain, Leichhardt-Annandale and Lane Cove.

He, too, passed on the Chalmers skill with the round ball to his three sons Keith, Noel and Bob. In fact, he played with all

three in the same team at different intervals.

Now young Ian, Keith's son, and the fourth generation in the long line of players bearing the name Chalmers, looks all set to carry on the good work.

It's quite a load for a 10-year-old to shoulder, but if there is anything in family lineage he's certain to prove up to it.

At any rate, Bill Chalmers tells me he has four other grandsons, still too young to play competitive soccer, but already kicking the ball about with great gusto.

Where will it all end?

AMATEUR RESULTS & TABLES

DIVISION I

Concordia v. Thistle	2-3	3-1
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DIVISION II

Belmore v. Warringah	2-0	7-1
Guildford v. Penrith	5-1	2-1
Gyeme v. Auburn	2-1	1-1

DIVISION III

Blacktown v. Smithfield	1-3	2-1
Dee Why v. Willoughby	2-1	2-1
G'ville-H'by v. G'nacre	5-1	0-4
Ku-ring-gai v. Enmore	0-11	1-0

	W	D	L	F	A	P
North Sydney	12	4	2	53	22	28
Marrickville	11	4	3	46	30	26
Artamon	10	4	4	40	25	24
Ryde	9	5	4	41	25	23
Thistle	8	4	6	39	36	20
Concordia	8	4	7	37	39	20
South Sydney	6	6	6	36	32	18
Uni. NSW	6	4	6	27	21	16
Wentworth	5	6	7	38	43	16
Kewpies	3	3	11	24	47	9
Lidcombe	1	6	11	22	48	8
Sydney Uni.	2	2	14	22	55	6

	W	D	L	F	A	P
East Side	12	4	2	44	19	28
Belmore	14	—	5	57	32	28
Warringah	11	2	6	48	26	24
Guildford	9	6	4	47	27	24
Gyeme	9	5	5	38	36	23
Riverside	7	4	7	37	36	18
Arncliffe	7	4	5	30	30	18
All Stars	6	3	8	37	33	15
Penrith	6	3	10	44	46	15
Yagoona	5	4	8	31	37	14
Auburn	4	2	13	29	61	10
L'pool Inter	—	2	16	14	76	2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Enmore	19	—	153	19	38	
St. Marys	14	1	3	78	32	29
G'ville-H'by	12	3	4	59	35	27
Dee Why	12	2	5	61	37	26
Condell Park	10	3	5	61	38	23
Willoughby	9	1	9	56	59	19
Smithfield	7	2	9	40	57	16
L'pool City	6	—	11	35	61	12
Greenacre	5	2	11	42	88	12
Blacktown	4	4	11	29	65	12
Ku-ring-gai	3	—	16	32	76	6
Padstow RSL	—	—	17	19	101	0

Eagles may fly away to security with win

— By PAUL DEAN —

With three rounds to go, APIA are certain champions again while St. George and Hakoah are almost certain semi-finalists.

However, the battle for the fourth place is still on and so is the fight to avoid relegation.

The week's pairings are:

Melita Eagles v. South Coast

Win this and you're almost certainly safe — this should be the motto of Melita Eagles.

Actually, this is the match they cannot afford to lose and, against the hapless provincials, have a good chance of winning.

Both sets of forward lines suffer from an overdose of sterility and any goals they score are usually accidental.



Mario Azzopardi (Melita)

However, both have strong defences and thus goals may be a rarity in this match.

Woods, Mulqueeney and Mullan will try to impress their former club but nothing would impress them less than a win.

Melita may scrape home by the odd goal though don't be surprised if Sydney's epidemic of goal-less draws spreads here, too.

St. George v. Prague

The main interest of the Saints from now on is the second place on the ladder and a win here would enhance their prospects.

For the last three matches their defence has not conceded a single goal — a fine record — but their forwards have scored only two.

And these two goals were enough to collect four points — a sad indictment of present day "soccer entertainment."

Prague, now securely placed in the middle of the table, have no further stakes in this year's championship.

If Prague clicks, they can play a pleasant brand of football, usually with very few goals.

The Saints appear to be the stronger and should score a win.

Yugal v. Croatia

Two newcomers from Yugoslavia could turn out to be the latest nemesis for Croatia, still searching for a win after so many weeks.

The two newcomers are Yugal's two new stars, both from a First Division club who may inject some much-needed new power into this once fine club.

Yugal are probably quite safe from relegation worries but an extra point or two wouldn't go amiss.

Croatia, who will be without the injured Massey for the rest of the season, are desperate for a win in their semifinal bid.

Their almost inexplicable slump may end at just the right moment to enable them to make a great home-run.

Unless the two newcomers really turn Yugal inside-out, we expect Croatia's outs to end in a win.

APIA v. Cumberland

Don't kid yourself that this will be a cakewalk for APIA; this match may provide the upset of the season.

Having the championship safely under their belt, APIA may relax somewhat and take things easy.

But Cumberland won't relax; they desperately need some points and are ready to grab them where they find them.

One thing is sure: Cumberland won't be overawed by their opponents whom they held to a draw in the first round anyway.

On the small Lambert Park pitch they may stage a great battle for the points and survival.

Frankly, the odds are heavily in favor of APIA

— but this is one of those matches where even a big upset would be only a small surprise.

Polonia v. Hakoah

Last week Polonia finally bought absolute security from relegation and now may end up higher on the table than could have been predicted.

With Bout performing well in goal, the whole Polonia team has gained new confidence and spirit.

Their forwards are among the few in Sydney who can snatch goals, particularly if Krawiarz is in the right mood.

Hakoah need only one point to be certain semi-finalists and to get it may again play with safety in mind.

Their forward line may be reshuffled, bringing in some new blood but in all probabilities it will again be their defence that is asked to secure the points.

A draw wouldn't be surprising though Polonia, on current form, are entitled to favoritism.

Pan Hellenic v. Canterbury

The loser of this tie will know that it has taken a big step away from the semifinals; in Canterbury's case the hopes are certainly over.

Pan Hellenic need the win to hang on to fourth place just in case Croatia do come to life; in fact, they can't afford to lose to Canterbury of all teams in case they are pegged back on the post by them.

Canterbury are still full of fight, as they proved against Hakoah, but Hood's absence has again crippled their forward line.

In Galbraith and Duggan they have an aggressive wing-half pair that will stage a big battle with Pan Hellenic's Westwater, McCulloch and Hignett for the midfield.

There is not a great deal between these two teams talentwise.

However, current form could tip the scales in Canterbury's favor slightly and so their win is the likelier.

ROUND 20

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Yugal v. Croatia — Marks Field
Pan Hellenic v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park
Granville v. Sutherland — Macarthur Park
Marconi v. Western Suburbs — Marconi Oval

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Melita Eagles v. South Coast — Mona Park
St. George v. Prague — Wentworth Park
APIA v. Cumberland — Lambert Park
Polonia v. Hakoah — Drummoyne Oval
North Bankstown v. Lane Cove — George Green
Blacktown v. Bankstown — Francis Park
Balgownie v. Manly — Balgownie Oval
Hornsby-NE v. Corinthians — Pennant Hills Oval
Marconi v. Granville — Marconi Oval

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Prague v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field
Canterbury v. Polonia-NS — Arlington Oval
Bankstown v. Nth. Bankstown — Bankstown Oval
Sutherland v. Marconi — Seymour Shaw Park
Western Suburbs v. Corinthians — Ground to be arranged
Manly v. Hornsby-NE — Graham Reserve

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

SCU v. Pan Hellenic — Woonona Oval
Croatia v. St. George — Marks Field
Cumberland v. Yugal — Mona Park
Hakoah v. APIA — Wentworth Park
Lane Cove v. Granville — Pottery Green
Manly v. Blacktown — Graham Reserve
Corinthians v. Balgownie — Jubilee Oval
Western Suburbs v. Hornsby-NE — Concord Oval
Sutherland v. Nth. Bankstown — Seymour Shaw Park

THIS WEEKEND'S AMATEUR DRAW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

First Division: Artarmon v. Sydney Uni. — Artarmon Park; Thistle v. South Sydney — BSC Reserve; Granville Kewpies v. Wentworth Waratahs — Colquhoun Park.

Second Division: Yagoona v. Belmore — O'Neill Park; All Stars v. Guildford — Jones Park; Arncliffe Scots v. Auburn — Cahill Park.

Third Division: Enmore v. St. Marys — Mackay Park; Willoughby v. Gladesville-Hornsby — Northbridge Oval; Ku-ring-gai v. Condell Park — Asquith Park.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

First Division: Lidcombe v. Concordia — Coleman Park; Ryde v. Marrickville — LS Hall Oval; North Sydney Inter v. NSW University — Cammeray Park.

Second Division: Warringah v. Riverside Rapids — Dee Why Oval; Penrith v. East Side-MTK — Jamison Park; Liverpool Inter v. Gympie — Jardine Park.

Third Division: Padstow RSL v. Blacktown Spurs — Padstow Oval; Smithfield v. Dee Why — Smithfield Oval; Greenacre v. Liverpool City — Allum Park.

LAST WEEK'S SECOND GRADE

Canterbury: Margeit, Raeburn, Champion, Raymond, Gordon, Hardy, Williamson, Andrews, Jurd (1), Kauz (2), Waters.
Hakoah: Fuzes, Berne, Migliaccio, Jeffrey, Coutts, Prokurat, Gold, Harding, Jones (2), Collins, Taylor.

Referee: E. Cook.
Cumberland: Hopkins; Atherton, Wall, Fairley, Richards, Keirs, Maes (G. Quested 1), Allan (1), Edwards (5), Grant, Crocker (1).

Polonia: Seymour; Henretty, Bazak, Fryar, Tarver, Murray, Oliver, Gaik, Hanley (1), Wolek (1), Morgan (1).

Referee: R. Preston.

THIRD GRADE

Canterbury: Lindsay, Eldridge, Allen, Tarlington, Domenici, Coulter, Lazaric, Williamson, Arrighi (1), Salerno, Martin.

Hakoah: Stern, Stanborough, J. Reichard, A. Reichard, Round, Smith, Berger, Berne, Harivel (1), Kovacic (1), Goldberg.

Referee: E. Scott.
Cumberland: Overs, Watts, L. Quested, Maes, Edwards, Desanti, G. Quested, Brennan, Embury (1), Smith, Dort.

Polonia: Rule; Thompson, Tomaszewski, Tonsley, Mellish, McFadyen, Rudgley, Llewellyn, McAlister, Chodkiewicz (1 pen.), Parkin.

Referee: W. McFarland.

LINE-UPS

YUGAL

L. JUIIC
NACINOVIC
CRNICH
DUNAJ
BANICEVIC
RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
GRUJICA
HALPIN
TAKAC
W. EDWARDS

CROATIA

CORRY
LINCOLN
SLOAN
CURRY
SHEPHERD
SNEDDEN
SWOBODA
R. CUSH
F. CUSH
GILES
REYNOLDS

PAN HELLENIC

G. CLARKE
HENSON
OMEROS
WESTWATER
JOHNSTON
HIGNETT
LOGAN
SMITH
KARYANNIS
McCULLOCH
BLITZ

CANTERBURY

DEMOPOULOS
WHITEHEAD
MUCILLO
GALBRAITH
SAMBROOK
DUGGAN
HOARE
RINOS
ROMANOS
NINAUS
PAXINOS

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
HUNTER
ARRIGHI
CILIA
WOODS
HEWLETT
STUART
FALZON
MULLAN
AZZOPARDI
REID

SOUTH COAST

NUELL
CARR
RINGLAND
DAVIES
BARNES
SALISBURY
BEATTIE
BARNETT
TRISTRAM
TOLSON
PATERSON

ST. GEORGE

HAFFEY
STEGBAUER
HILLARY
SCHAEFER
MORGAN
ZUCKERMAN
PRICE
ISAAC
CLISS
WARREN
FERNANDEZ

PRAGUE

EARL
HARCOMBE
TRACEY
BLACKER
ZEMAN
SCHEINFLUG
R. MANUEL
BLANCO
HOGGART
LISSING
GAUTO

APIA

TAYLOR
VAN BLERK
ACKERLEY
HUGHES
WATKISS
BOTTALICO
CAMPBELL
CAMPANA
BLUME
GIACOMETTI
MCKINNON

CUMBERLAND

HOPKINS
ADDISON
DELL
GEPPERT
THOMSON
ENTWISTLE
KEDDIE
MOFFATT
SMITH
GOLDIE
KEENAN

POLONIA

BOUT
FILOK
SKIBA
ADAMSON
NOWACKI
KOMODER
MUHLBAUER
MINOL
BAKER
KRAWIARZ
GONZALEZ

HAKOAH

WILSON
STEWART
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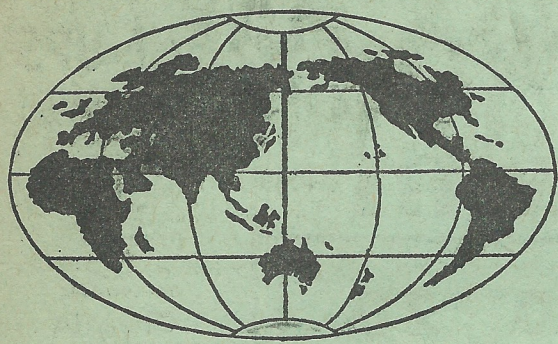
THIS WEEKEND'S

MATCHES

	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	MARCEL NAGY	KEITH GILMOUR	CHARLES SPITERI	ALAN SPEERS	MOST FAVORED
Melita Eagles v. SCU	x	x	x	1	1	2	x
St. George v. Prague	1	x	1	1	1	1	1
Yugal v. Croatia	x	1	2	1	2	1	1
APIA v. Cumberland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Polonia v. Hakoah	2	2	2	x	x	2	2
P. Hellenic v. C'bury	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Granville v. Sutherland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nth. Banks. v. L. Cove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Blacktown v. Bankstown	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Balgownie v. Manly	2	2	2	x	2	x	2
Hornsby v. Corinthians	x	2	x	x	2	1	x
Marconi v. West. Subs.	x	2	2	2	2	2	2

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	APIA	Hakoah	St. George	South Coast	Pan Hellenic	Prague	Croatia	Yugal	Cumberland	Polonia	Canterbury	M. Eagles
APIA	●	2-0	0-0	3-1	3-2	3-0	1-2	5-0			5-0	2-1
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Yugal	0-4		0-2	3-1	3-7	1-1		●	2-1	4-1	3-4	4-1
Cumberland	2-2	0-1	1-3	3-0	1-5	2-1	0-0		●	2-4	1-5	1-0
Polonia	2-5		1-1	1-0	0-6	1-2	2-1	0-0		●	0-5	2-4
Canterbury	0-2	0-0	0-1		5-4	0-2	1-1	1-2	4-1		●	1-1
Melita Eagles	0-2	0-1	0-2		0-4	1-0		2-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	●



ROUND THE WORLD

New Guinea wants Australia to help

Bruce Livingston, a founder of the leading First Division Inter-Suburban club Marrickville, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the newly-formed Goroka Referees' Association in Papua-New Guinea.

Livingston, a banking officer, has been living in Papua-New Guinea for the last 18 months, and is a long-standing subscriber to SOCCER WORLD.

He has also been selected to play as goalkeeper in the Goroka team in the Inter-Territory Championships, but declined the honor to concentrate on refereeing.

Livingston's ambition is to referee the match between Papua-New Guinea and Australia during the national team's overseas tour later this year.

Livingston is also a top-class cricketer, having represented NSW in the Sheffield Shield as an opening bowler.

Soccer everywhere in Papua-New Guinea is growing by bounds and leaps, Livingston reports.

Despite the money being poured into the country by Rugby League and Australian Rules bodies, soccer has by far the most players.

Unfortunately the code receives little, or no assistance from Australia.

Last year, for the first time, an Australian coach visited the Territory.

The Rothmans Sports Foundation sponsored a five-week coaching tour of Papua-New Guinea by Australian Federation of Coaches president, Denes Adrigan, the successful Manly coach.

Later this year there is a strong possibility that Adrigan may return to New Guinea.

The Papuans were pinning their hopes on the newly-formed Oceanic Confederation to assist them in all aspects of the game.

So far, however, precious little has been heard from the Confederation, and there are some in the Islands who are wondering whether there was any point in joining up.

In the meantime all soccer fans in the Territory are looking forward to the first-ever international match in Papua-New Guinea in November when the Australian national team is scheduled to start its Far East Asian tour in the Territory.

The Papuans are also looking forward to the day when Australian club teams will regularly visit them during the off-season as Rugby League and Aussie Rules club teams from all parts of Australia have been doing for the past 10 years.



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● Ferenc ("Pancho") Puskas was recently asked to name his best team of his contemporaries and rattled off this: Grosics-Andrade, Basaskin, N. Santos-Ocwirk, Cajkovski-Garrincha, Kocsis, Di Stefano, Pele, Gento. What, no Puskas?

● Aston Villa's new manager is Tommy Cummings, from Mansfield Town. Cummings played over 400 league games for Burnley.

● Former England centre-forward Alan Peacock is now playing centre-half in Leeds, his original First Division club.

● Caley's (Scottish Highlands) utility player Nick McCallum who was supposed to join George Cross of Melbourne, has decided to stay put.

● Noted English soccer writer Brian Glanville is advocating that soccer should imitate ice hockey and introduce the sending off of players for various periods of time.

● Dr. Mate Fenyvesi, one of the most capped Hungarian players (76) who toured Australia in 1957 with Ferencvaros, will retire in November. Dr. Fenyvesi is a veterinary surgeon.

● "Ceskoslovensky Sport" of Prague named its "team of the year" which includes four players seen in Australia since last year: Popluhar and Jokl of Slovan Bratislava, Kvasnak and Jurkanin of Sparta.

● Says an article in the current issue of "World Soccer" (London): "In Greece they award three points for a win, two for a draw and one for a match finished without a riot."

● Real Madrid's famous goalkeeper Araquistain is likely to ask for a transfer.

● The nickname of Juventus all over Italy is "La vecchia signora" (the old lady).

● Manchester United's first match of the season will be against Everton, in Liverpool. The chances are that Busby will give the brilliant youngster, Brian Kidd his League baptism.

● A record number of 1,248 clubs have entered the 1967-68 French Cup which kicks off on September 3. For the first time since World War II the French Cup this season won't be open to teams from the overseas French possessions.

● Italy's ban on foreign players will not be lifted until 1970.

● Alberto Foni, Switzerland's national team Italian-born coach has been replaced by Erwin Ballabio, a former Swiss international goalkeeper. Foni, however, remains on the national squad's technical committee.

● The Scottish season starts this Saturday. The English season will kick-off the following weekend.

● France's international centre-half, Budzinski, may soon leave his club, Nantes, to join an American club. Budzinski last month spent three weeks holidaying in the States.

Proud Scot

Writes John Stone rather vehemently in the "World Soccer", praising Scotland's effort on their recent tour: "No one side could have returned with a better record. Nine matches, nine victories. And I don't give a damn what the standard of the opposition amounted to. The point was that the Scottish party were publicly slated in the overseas press before their arrival, particularly in Australia."

USSR's Olympic win

The USSR beat Poland 1-0 in an Olympic qualifying match at Wroclaw last Friday week. A crowd of 70,000 saw Chislenko score the winning goal in the 59th minute. While Poland only fielded three of their full "A" internationals, the Russians included most of their World Cup stars in their Olympic side.

Celtic, Tottenham draw 3-3

The first match of the British season, the charity game between Celtic and Tottenham at Glasgow's Hampden Park last Saturday ended in a 3-3 draw. A crowd of 100,000 saw a magnificent match. The halftime score was 2-2 and the goal-scorers were Auld (2) and Chalmers for Celtic and Greaves (2) and Gilzean for the English Cup winners. In another match last weekend, Arsenal beat Rangers 3-0. A crowd of 30,000 saw the "friendly" at London's Highbury.

Maybe ice hockey

Canada still cannot lay too much claim on being a budding soccer nation: their Olympic elimination tie against Cuba, played in Edmonton, drew a paltry 4,000 spectators.

Hitting hard

FC Nurnberg's coach, the outspoken Max Merkel remarked recently: "Austrian soccer is horribly bad. No Austrian player could hold a first team place in West Germany." The piquancy of the matter is, that Merkel, a former Rapid star, is himself an Austrian.

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Inter-Milan still Europe's top draw

Inter Milan, the former European champions attracted the biggest home crowds in Europe last season.

Inter averaged home crowds of 65,000 spectators throughout the 1966-67 Italian season, more than half of whom were "socios" — club members who pay their dues and admission fees before the start of the season.

Real Madrid was the second best drawcard in European soccer, with average crowds of 61,000.

More than 65 per cent of their home crowds too were made up of "socios."

Italian, Iberian and British clubs were the best supported in Europe as the list of the European teams which drew an average of 20,000 or more spectators to their home games last season shows.

This is how the teams drew last season:

Inter Milan (Italy) 65,000; Real Madrid (Spain) 61,000; Manchester United (England) 55,200; Napoli (Italy) 53,900; Liverpool (England) 46,400; Everton (England) 42,500; Tottenham (England) 42,000; Atletico Madrid (Spain) 38,500; Juventus (Italy) 38,000; Celtic (Scotland) 37,500; Chelsea (England) 35,600; Feyenoord (Holland) 35,000; Rangers (Scotland) 31,800; Benfica (Portugal) 31,000; Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 30,000; VfB Stuttgart (West Germany) 29,000; AC Milan (Italy) 28,400; Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany) 27,500; Fortuna Dusseldorf (West Germany) 26,500; Borussia Dortmund (West Germany) 25,300; Hamburger SV (West Germany) 25,000; AS Roma (Italy) 24,000; Ferencvaros (Hungary) 23,000; Karlsruher Stadt (East Germany) 22,500; Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia) 22,200; West Ham United (England) 22,000; Ajax (Holland) 22,000; Dresden (East Germany) 20,800; Barcelona (Spain) 20,000.

Big home gates

The following European clubs have drawn 60,000 spectators or more to a home game last season (in brackets their biggest home crowd):

Real Madrid 92,795; Inter Milan 83,000; Rangers 82,000; Celtic 78,000; Benfica 70,000; Ferencvaros 70,000; VfB Stuttgart 68,000; Feyenoord 64,500; Manchester United 62,000.

An interesting survey compiled by the French soccer monthly FOOTBALL MAGAZINE reveals that Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) used the most players of any First Division European team last season. Benfica's arch-rivals used 28 players in their unsuccessful championship bid.

Red Star Belgrade fielded 27 players and Newcastle United of England 26.

On the other side of the scale, Norkopping of Sweden used the least players — only 13 — and Ajax, Sparta and GVAV (all of Holland), Trnava and Kosice (Czechoslovakia), Aris (Luxembourg) and East Germany's Vorwarts Berlin and Dresden only 15.

FOOTBALL MAGAZINE also reveals that the biggest score in First Division in Europe last season occurred in West Germany where Moenchengladbach trounced Schalke 04 11-0.

The only other First Division clubs which reached double figures in 1966-67 were Switzerland's FC Basel and Grasshoppers Zurich, who beat Moutier 10-0 and 10-2 respectively.

Moutier, who were eventually relegated, also lost 8-0 twice, against FC Zurich and Servette.

Other 8-0 victories were achieved in Portugal (Benfica-Beira Mar) and Holland (Ajax-Elkwijk). Yugoslavia had the dubious distinction of having had the most players sent off last season.

Forty-four of their First Division players received their marching orders in 1966-67.

The Italians were a close second with 41 expulsions, followed by Hungary 30, Austria 26, Czechoslovakia 17 and Spain 13.

In England, 12 players were sent off and in Sweden only one.

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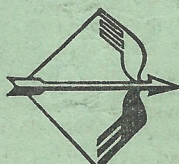
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Victorian "derby" may decide the title race

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

The stage is set for the greatest clash in State League soccer this season when on Sunday league leaders Melbourne line up against their nearest rivals, Juventus who are trailing by two points.

Unless Juventus stop Melbourne in their tracks it looks odds on the league championship race is over.

Melbourne fitter, faster and with better teamwork will still have to be at their best to get on top of Juventus which are strong in the tackle and defend stubbornly.

Juventus won't go down without a real fight for this is almost their last chance to get even with Melbourne and still remain in the championship race.

However, Melbourne should win.

The Croatia v. Hellas match has all the ingredients of being another thriller.

With attacks on a par, Croatia have the edge in defence and this could swing the game in their favor and strengthen their chances of making the Australia Cup.

Makedonia with their State League status receding, must beat Lions to have any hope of survival.

Going from one success to another and still in with a chance of making the four, JUST may need to pull out every stop against a determined Alex-

ander who blasted Hakoah. The Polonia v. George Cross match should be as even as their league positions indicate and a division of points at the finish may be the final outcome.

One real problem match is the clash between Hakoah v. Slavia.

Hakoah's defence has some real gaps but the Slavia attack is not mobile enough to take full advantage.

This game could swing either way.

Melbourne program:

Saturday: Makedonia v. Lions (Preston), Footscray JUST v. Alexander (Olympic Park), Hakoah v. Slavia (Middle Park).

Sunday: Melbourne v. Juventus (St. Kilda), Croatia v. SM Hellas (Olympic Park), Polonia v. George Cross (Brooklyn).

Last week's details:

Juventus v. Footscray JUST 1-2. Juventus who have won so many games by the odd goal this season were to some extent unlucky in going under by the odd goal in the last minute of the game.

Scorers: Di Marchi, Gakovic, Hughes.

Melbourne v. Lions 2-1. Lions played the second half with 10 men after Murney was sent off. Melbourne were also reduced to 10 men in the 73rd minute when Dezsofi was also given his marching orders.

Scorers: Kurta, Abonyi Bingham (pen.).

George Cross v. Slavia 1-2. George Cross scored only through a penalty.

Scorers: Sanchez (pen.) — Rainey (2).

SM Hellas v. Makedonia 6-1. On this display, Makedonia have less than a dog's chance of staying in the State League.

Scorers: Kokinos (3),

Ackerley (2), Pyrgolis — Short.

Croatia v. Polonia 3-1. A demonstration was made against the referee, D. Mainland after this game as Polonia fans obviously disagreed with his decision over a penalty when the Polonia 'keeper charged a Croatia forward.

Scorers: Vojtek (2), Glaser — Gadecki.

Alexander v. Hakoah 5-0. The shock result of the round, which suggests the oft boosted Hakoah defence is not nearly as water-tight as many make it out to be.

Scorers: Bourdamis (3), Papaconstantinou (2).

Hellas whipped by a brilliant Polonia

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Polonia's latent attack sprang into vibrant life last Saturday to score four premiership shaping goals against league champions, WA Hellas.

It was Polonia's highest tally this season and the result contrasted sharply with the previous week when Polonia lost to bottom team Port Adelaide.

Saturday's result was the year's biggest shock.

In one calamitous afternoon Hellas lost their unbeaten record and the premiership lead.

Juventus who waltzed through Victoria 3-0 have now settled into the box seat after an arduous chase.

With three rounds remaining to complete the season, Juventus must face Budapest, Croatia and Austria.

Croatia and Austria are currently in the throes of a stirring battle for fourth position and a probable crack at the Australia Cup.

Juventus can expect stern opposition from both these ambitious teams.

Hellas, now a point in arrears, have a seemingly easier run home against Austria, USC Lion and Elizabeth City.

USC Lion enhanced their chance of retaining First Division status by downing Port Adelaide but they face a torrid final three games against Polonia, Hellas and Victoria.

Port with Victoria, Budapest and Croatia as opponents seem likely to collect two points but need four to move clear of the relegation zone.

Budapest and Elizabeth City clouded the relegation issue still further by playing a dull, goalless draw last week.

ALL-NEWCASTLE TASMAN FINAL

The Tasman Cup semifinals, played under floodlights at Macquarie Oval, Speers Point, last week provided a crowd of 3,000 with probably the best exhibition of schoolboy football Newcastle has seen.

The crowd and the first class organisation is a challenge to Sydney soccer fans, as the Cup final will be played at Marks Field on Wednesday night, August 23.

Punchbowl drew first blood in the first semifinal, when a Wallsend defender handled and Wally Wolowczykzykow whipped in a penalty kick.

Punchbowl continued to hold the upper hand until 10 minutes into the second half when they had an off-side goal disallowed and the trend of play changed.

M. Wolthers scored from 20 yards out for Wallsend High, and the match went into extra-time.

Centre-forward O. Armstrong slipped through for the easiest of goals to give Wallsend a place in the final.

The Booragul - Ibrox Park semifinal provided another excellent spectacle.

The Sydneysiders had all the polish and precision until half time when they held a 1-0 lead.

Booragul resumed with determination and power.

Their captain, A. Moore, netted three times to take them into the final against Wallsend High.

This is the first time that two Newcastle schools have contested the final, and the result leaves Sydney's top sides to play-off for third position in this magnificent competition.

— Keith Gilmour.

Denial on Abonyi

Melbourne-Hungaria official Andy Kun this week said that their star forward, Attila Abonyi, was not for sale at any price.

He was commenting on a report that APIA were keen to secure the young Australian international for 1968.

Kun said his club hadn't been approached by any club for Abonyi.

V.S.F. MAY LOSE OLYMPIC PARK

With the best ground facilities for top class soccer in Australia, the Victorian Soccer Federation and a few of the State League clubs have been under fire and soon could be in hot water over future leases.

A big row could be in the offing between the Olympic Park Trustees and the Victorian Soccer Federation over the fixtures at Melbourne's number one soccer stadium.

Unless the Federation have second thoughts on their fixture arrangements for this ground in the immediate future, they may lose the venue in favor of two State League clubs.

The manager of the Olympic Park Trustees recently said his committee might be compelled to take drastic action on the future leasing of Olympic Park because the low-ranking fixtures laid on by the

Federation had brought dwindling gates.

The majority of the fixtures this season at Olympic Park have featured the bottom sides.

The Olympic Park Trustees are reported to be hopping mad since it was originally agreed upon that the main matches of the weekends would be played at "soccer headquarters."

Olympic Park Trustees spent upwards of \$150,000 in late 1965 on the erection of a 12,000 capacity covered enclosure together with the best floodlighting system of any sports ground in Australia.

The Secretary has made it known that for some time now, leading State League clubs had applied for the tenancy of Olympic Park.

In the past they have been told the trustees would only deal with controlling bodies.

Now they are feeling the pinch and as the income has seriously dropped from the games arranged by the Federation, it is not outside the bounds of possibility that the trustees may now listen to proposals from leading clubs and reconsider their original decision.

Any move in this direction would seriously embarrass the Federation who might feel inclined to place some sort of embargo on clubs using the ground if they themselves were refused it.

The result could have far reaching effects between the Federation and clubs.

— BOB LOW

STOP PRESS

The deferred match between Yugal and Prague will be played next Wednesday night, August 16, at Marks Field.

The Pan Hellenic-Melita Eagles game will be played on Tuesday week, August 22, also at Marks Field under floodlights.

No decision has yet been made on when APIA and Croatia will play their postponed game.

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Sydney Boys to play interstate

The Combined Sydney High Schools team will play five matches in SA including three "Test" matches against the Combined Adelaide side.

The itinerary is:

Sunday August 27, 3.00 p.m. v. Elizabeth District at Ramsay Park. Tuesday August 29, 2.30 p.m. v. Southern Districts at Mortlock Park. Wednesday August 30, 8.15 p.m. v. Combined Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium. Saturday September 2, 1.15 p.m. v. Combined Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium. Sunday September 3, 2.30 p.m. v. Combined Adelaide at Croydon Park.

The Adelaide squad is: A. Addabbo (Budapest), J. Artz (Austria), P. Bailey (Budapest), J. Besir (Beograd), J. Connell (Budapest), J. Connolly (Juventus), J. D'Addino (Austria), A. Dottore (Campbelltown), A. Ferrante (Juventus), P. Gray (Lion), A. Hanton (Elizabeth), R. Harding (WRE), H. Kolecik (Polonia), V. Konstantinopoulos, C. Koutsamamis (Hellas), C. Mihalakas (Campbelltown), N. Sagidon (Findon High), F. Warner (Juventus), R. Yeeles (Hellas).

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

BALGOWNIE WILL MAKE IT HOT FOR THE LEADERS

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Only two matches were played last weekend because of the deluge which hit Sydney last Sunday.

Balgownie provided another upset when they beat Bankstown — third on the table — seriously compromising their chances for the semi-finals.

Here are the two match reports:

Bankstown v. Balgownie 1-2

Bankstown received a setback when they were surprisingly beaten by Balgownie at Bankstown Oval.

This defeat puts Bankstown in a precarious position and the loss of any more points may put them out of the semi-finals.

Balgownie, defending for most of the match, notched two good goals from break-away attacks to cause yet another upset.

Bankstown were the more constructive side and produced the better football, but many good moves broke down in front of the Balgownie posts.

Balgownie led 1-0 at half-time, and despite Bankstown's continued attacks, it was Balgownie who increased the lead soon after the resumption.

Bankstown reduced the lee-way midway through the second half but Balgownie withstood their opponents' onslaught for the equaliser.

Bankstown: Friedl; Jamieson, Fitzgerald; McDermott, White, Brack; Madden (1), Tansley, Bamforth, Turnbull, Clarke.

Balgownie: Jones; Thommeny, Isedale; Simister, Moon, Whitehead; Del Santo, Carruthers, Large (1), Worthington, Kear-ton (1).

Lane Cove v. Blacktown 2-0

Blacktown squandered their last chance of avoiding relegation when they went down to Lane Cove at Pottery Green.

Lane Cove played one of their worst games this season, but still managed to score a goal in each half to take both points and make sure of retaining

Second Division status in 1968.

Lane Cove: Lee; Clarke, Gamble; Carter, Aird, Cooper; Rummy, Haugh, Thomson (2), McMillan, Mitchell.

Blacktown: Beceznay-Zsombok; Stratmayer, Mickolajczyk; Virag, Putrie, Cousins; Knezovic, Biddle, Cocks, Stirling, Fulton.

THIS WEEKEND

The lead may change this weekend as Granville will play two matches against Sutherland and Marconi.

Granville appear likely to notch four points over the weekend and overtake, perhaps only temporarily, Manly, whose game at Balgownie will be fraught with danger as the pro-

vincials showed marked improvement last week when they downed Bankstown in Sydney.

Manly, however, have too much at stake to afford the slightest slip-up and we expect them to win narrowly, although a draw would not surprise.

Western Suburbs travel to Bossley Park to meet Marconi on Saturday and should win despite Marconi's fine home record.

In other matches, Corinthians should beat Hornsby on their present form, while Bankstown will most probably have an easy win against Blacktown.

North Bankstown meet Lane Cove at George Green Oval and the locals should keep both points at home.

WITH THE AMATEURS

LAST MINUTE WIN TO GYMEA

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Of the leading Second Division clubs, only East Side-MTK was affected by the atrocious weather last weekend.

Their match against Arncliffe Scots had to be postponed.

Second-placed Belmore gained a 2-0 win over

Warringah in a very even match at Rudd Park.

Belmore scored first from a penalty.

Warringah seemed certain to even the score, but Belmore stopper, Ross Abercrombie, suddenly appeared to chest the ball out, with his goalkeeper nowhere in the picture.

Gymea were hard pressed to down lowly Auburn 2-1 at Seymour Shaw Park.

Auburn scored first and Gymea replied after 35 minutes through Ron Sutherland.

The winning goal came with almost the last kick of the match when Steve Baldock converted a penalty.

It was his first penalty kick for the season and the first time Gymea had scored from the spot from eight attempts this season.

In the Guildford-Penrith game, an early goal by Vince Jack set the seal for Penrith's fate.

Although outclassed, Penrith played creditably throughout, but having to double-up four reserve grade players imposed too much of a strain when the pressure was on.

Guildford won 5-1 after leading 4-1 at half-time.

POST-MORTEM

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Produced on the stage, it probably would be billed as a drama. But there were, too, moments of almost theatrical comedy.

Viewed in retrospect, not all the drama was played out on the field, nor all the comedy on the wind-swept terraces.

For both teams at Mona Park last Saturday, the issues were crystal clear.

Cumberland, on one hand, were faced with the stark reality that they just had to win if they were to live to fight another day in First Division.

The players knew that the likelihood of a second bite at the cherry was remote.

Polonia's incentive, while perhaps not quite as great, or urgent, was equally clear.

Victory would mean complete safety from the threat of relegation.

The drama comes quickly.

After four minutes, a mix-up between Cumberland's Moffatt and Entwistle, and Polonia is one-up as their burly inside-forward, Krawi-arz, beats Fisher with a flashing left-footed shot.

Cumberland's supporters, stunned into silence by the goal, are stung by the vociferous shouts of the Polonia fans; more particularly by the exultant "bravos" emanating from one man.

The players, too, are stunned.

But slowly they recover, and a pattern starts to take shape: Cumberland are intent on the quick breakaway, the long ball to speedy wingers Keddie and Keenan, forcing Polonia's ageing backline to turn.

After 17 minutes, the tactics pay off.

Keenan beats his fullback, centres, and the Cumberland fans groan as Keddie's shot hits the bar, but the groans turn to cheers as he heads the rebound past Bout.

Halftime and a little off-the-field comedy as several Polonia fans, unhappy at some of referee Sorbie's decisions, gather to cast doubts about his ancestry.

All good clean fun.

The second half is only two minutes old when Moffatt side-foots the ball wide of say?"

Bout.

Enough said!

Cumberland 2-1 and the turn of local followers to exult.

With 15 minutes left, Cumberland cling to their lead, but the grip they exerted after Moffatt's goal is, it seems, slipping.

Minol, dark hair receding at the forehead, and the blonde Komoder, have gained control of midfield.

Cumberland, apparently, content to allow them to retain it.

Twelve minutes left and the goal which could mean the big drop for Cumberland.

From a corner, the tall, lumbering Nowacki hurls himself at the ball, eluding for once the reliable Thomson. Two-all.

The effect of the goal is all too apparent.

Within nine minutes Krawi-arz notches his second goal, and Gonzales adds another to make it 4-2.

"Imagine leading for so long, then losing like that," says one Cumberland official.

"If only we could have held on a little longer."

"We had it won, but let it slip out of our fingers," says Len Quested, pausing for a moment in the Cumberland dressing room, among his disappointed players.

"Now for the semifinals," beams Polonia's president, Dr. Rossleigh, outside the visitors' dressing room, though in a tone suggesting he is only half serious.

Coach George Azzopardi is not quite as optimistic.

"Now we have removed the threat of relegation we will play improved soccer," he says.

"But the semifinals? Well, that's saying a lot, isn't it?"

The last word from Jan Bout, who came out of retirement to help lift Polonia out of a slump midway through the season.

"Was it tough? No game is easy, but Cumberland were fighting for their lives, and we were keen to consolidate our position."

"It's only natural that it would be hard, wouldn't you say?"

Enough said!

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